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In re Application of	:	
NUDELMAN et al.	:	
Application No. 10/808,541	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: 03/25/2004	:	
Attorney Docket No. 27755	:	

This is a decision on the PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181 (a) TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT," filed October 25, 2007.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application was held abandoned for failure to reply to the nonfinal Office Action mailed February 1, 2007, which set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on October 4, 2007.

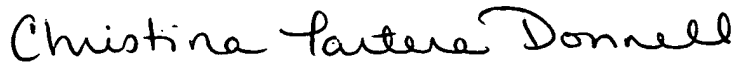
Applicants request that the Office withdraw the holding of abandonment because they did not receive the Office Action, which was returned as undeliverable by the U.S. Postal Service on February 2, 2007. Applicants assert that the address listed on the face of the Office Action is correct.

A review of the record reveals that the USPTO mailed the nonfinal Office Action to the correct correspondence address. However, the USPS inexplicably returned the Office Action to the USPTO. For this reason, applicants did not receive the nonfinal Office Action of February 1, 2007. Accordingly, the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment is **granted**. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn. The application is restored to pending status.

The Office acknowledges receipt of the reply to the nonfinal Office Action in the form of an amendment submitted on December 3, 2007.

This application is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 1624 for consideration of the amendment filed on December 3, 2007.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211. Any other questions regarding the status of the application or the examination process should be directed to the Technology Center.

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